

bill and yet continued to hide that information from their colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Let me again quote from the Wall Street Journal's lead editorial yesterday: "What's a mere \$140 billion among friends?"

This is a case not only of politics trumpeting policy but of politics trumpeting principle. Some think that there are consequences for insubordination, but all of us know that the consequences of deception are extremely severe as well.

UNCOVERING SADDAM HUSSEIN'S LEGACY OF TERROR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in cooperation with the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), the Committee on Armed Services chairman, I recently sent every Member of the House a copy of "Iraq's Legacy of Terror: Mass Graves," a report that highlights the worst human rights atrocity of Saddam Hussein's regime. Hundreds of thousands of murdered Iraqis, including women holding their children with bullet holes, lie in at least 270 mass grave sites around the country.

Saddam's mass graves represent a crime against humanity surpassed in scope only by the World War II Nazi Holocaust, Pol Pot's Cambodian communist killing fields in the 1970s, and the Rwandan genocide in 1994. Thanks to the leadership of President Bush and the valor of the American military, along with our international allies, Iraqis no longer live in fear of Saddam's brutal regime. Today, the Coalition Provisional Authority is working with thousands of Iraqi families to identify and rebury their loved ones.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

WOUNDED CREDIBILITY

(Mr. TIERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, the credibility of this administration abroad has been wounded severely because of the misleading representations about the reasons we went into that country; and no matter how we try to rewrite history, that fact will not go away.

The administration's credibility at home has been shot. It is failing every day with the decreasing job market and the failure to do anything about it.

This House must fight the loss of its credibility with respect, especially what has been going on with the Medicare measure that passed more recently.

We now find out in today's papers and the last week's papers that the ad-

ministration knew well ahead of time that this bill was going to cost substantially more than it represented it was going to cost; and in fact, a member of the administration was threatened with the loss of his job if he told Congress the facts, if he let people know the facts.

We find that the chairman of one of the committees drafting the bill was offered a \$2 million-a-year job by the industry that would benefit by \$139 billion over the course of that bill; and we find that a Republican Member of this House now says that although he is not running, he was told that his son would get money or not get money for his campaign to succeed his father depending on the vote on that bill.

Mr. Speaker, the credibility of this House is endangered. We need an investigation into those circumstances. We cannot afford to let the credibility of this institution go the way of the credibility of the administration.

THE RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR BETTER HEALTH

(Mr. REHBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Medicare prescription drug legislation we passed not long ago that will give more seniors more access to prescription drugs at lower costs. Sadly, a lot of seniors have not gotten the word yet. They have not heard that Medicare will now give seniors choice and control over their prescription drug plans. They have not heard that Medicare will now pay 75 percent of drug costs and 95 percent of catastrophic drug costs. They have not heard that those who choose to enroll in the prescription drug program will receive discount cards this spring entitling them to save up to 25 percent off the cost of their medications. In fact, by 2006, seniors who have elected to sign up for their new prescription benefit will pay a monthly premium of as little as \$35.

On top of that, low-income seniors will receive a \$600 cash subsidy to defray the costs of their medications. Plus, those with incomes below the Federal poverty level will see their drug bills virtually eliminated. Their deductible and monthly premiums will be waived, and their copays will be as little as \$1 per prescription.

Groups like AARP, the American Medical Association, and the American Hospital Association agree, we have given seniors the right prescription to better health.

CONGRESS DEPENDS ON TRUTHFUL INFORMATION

(Mr. NADLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, last year the Bush administration misled and

systematically lied to the American people and to this Congress about the reasons why it said it was necessary to go into war with Iraq. We know that what they said about weapons of mass destruction, about nuclear weapons, about the biological weapons, we know all this was not true. The only question now is when they knew it was not true.

We now learn, Mr. Speaker, that the Bush administration misled this Congress deliberately and knowingly misled this Congress as to the cost of the Medicare bill by over \$140 billion. We know that they threatened the actuary with being fired if he gave truthful information to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, we depend on truthful information to have democracy. Martha Stewart faces jail time for lying to the government. When are we going to hold this administration accountable for lying to the American people and to this institution so that we cannot do our work properly because we are working on false information? When are we going to appoint an independent counsel to begin to demand honesty so that we can represent the American people properly?

OUR PRESIDENT IS WORKING TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, when in power, Saddam Hussein posed a grave and great danger to the Iraqi people, the region's stability, and the worldwide community. He ruled by oppression, deception, and fear; and the President's decision to go to war with Iraq was the right one, and the world is safer and better off without Saddam Hussein in power.

For 12 years, Saddam Hussein used tactics of denial, distortion, and delay to prevent the world from enforcing the 1991 cease-fire agreement that ended the Persian Gulf War and numerous other U.N. Security Council resolutions demanding complete disarmament. It proves Saddam Hussein's stance against a peaceful resolve in the region.

Now, while some skeptics continue to suggest that military action in Iraq was wrong, their answer never is that Iraqis or the world would be better off left with him in power.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today in support of the President and his decisions, for I know his one overriding responsibility is to protect and defend the American people, and our President is working to do just that.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we in the Congress have been